

AT AN ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, VIRGINIA HELD ON THE 24<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2014 AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE BOARD CHAMBERS, MONTGOMERY COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER, 755 ROANOKE STREET, CHRISTIANSBURG, VIRGINIA:

PRESENT:	William H. Brown	-Chair
	Mary W. Biggs	-Vice Chair
	Gary D. Creed	-Supervisors
	Matthew R. Gabriele	
	M. Todd King	
	Annette S. Perkins (arrived at 6:30 p.m.)	
	Christopher A. Tuck	
	F. Craig Meadows	-County Administrator
	L. Carol Edmonds	-Deputy County Administrator
	Martin M. McMahon	-County Attorney
	Ruth Richey	-Public Information Officer
	Vickie L. Swinney	-Secretary, Board of Supervisors

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the meeting to order.

### **INTO CLOSED MEETING**

On a motion by Mary W. Biggs, seconded by M. Todd King and carried unanimously,

BE IT RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors hereby enters into Closed Meeting for the purpose of discussing the following:

- Section 2.2-3711      (7)      Consultation with Legal Counsel and Briefings from Staff Members or Consultants Pertaining to Actual or Probable Litigation, Where Such Consultation or Briefing in Open Meeting Would Adversely Affect the Negotiating or Litigating Posture of the Public Body; and Consultation with Legal Counsel Employed or Retained by a Public Body Regarding Specific Legal Matters Requiring Provision of Legal Advice by Such Counsel
1. Elliott Creek Road Abandonment Request
  2. Falling Branch Park and Ride Lot

- (3) Discussion or Consideration of the Acquisition of Real Property for Public Purpose, or of the Disposition of Publicly Held Real Property, Where Discussion in an Open Meeting Would Adversely Affect the Bargaining Position or Negotiating Strategy of the Public Body
  1. Old Blacksburg Middle School Property
  2. Old Blacksburg High School Property
  
- (1) Discussion, Consideration or Interviews of Prospective Candidates for Employment; Assignment, Appointment, Promotion, Performance, Demotion, Salaries, Disciplining or Resignation of Specific Officers, Appointees or Employees of Any Public Body
  1. Alcohol Safety Action Program (ASAP)
  2. New River Community College Board
  3. RC&D Council

The vote on the forgoing motion was as follows:

<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSENT DURING VOTE</u>
Gary D. Creed	None	Annette S. Perkins
M. Todd King		
Mary W. Biggs		
Christopher A. Tuck		
Matthew R. Gabriele		
William H. Brown		

Supervisor Perkins arrived at 6:30 p.m.

### **OUT OF CLOSED MEETING**

On a motion by Mary W. Biggs, seconded by Gary D. Creed and carried unanimously,

BE IT RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors ends their Closed Meeting to return to Regular Session.

The vote on the forgoing motion was as follows:

<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>
M. Todd King	None
Mary W. Biggs	
Annette S. Perkins	
Christopher A. Tuck	
Matthew R. Gabriele	
Gary D. Creed	
William H. Brown	

### **CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING**

On a motion by Mary W. Biggs, seconded by Matthew R. Gabriele and carried unanimously,

WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County has convened a Closed Meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3711 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the Board that such Closed Meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County, Virginia hereby certifies that to the best of each member's knowledge (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion conveying the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Board.

### **VOTE**

#### **AYES**

Mary W. Biggs  
Annette S. Perkins ( for time present)  
Christopher A. Tuck  
Matthew R. Gabriele  
Gary D. Creed  
M. Todd King  
William H. Brown

#### **NAYS**

None

#### **ABSENT DURING VOTE**

None

### ABSENT DURING MEETING

None

Supervisor Tuck excused himself from the discussion about the Alcohol Safety Action Program (ASAP) appointment. Supervisor Tuck stated he believes it would be a conflict of interest as he is the Chair of the ASAP and would not feel comfortable discussing potential applicants.

### INVOCATION

A moment of silence was led by the Chair.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

### PRESENTATION

#### Virginia Tech – Former Police Chief Wendell Flinchum

A Resolution of Appreciation was presented to former Virginia Tech Police Chief, Wendell Flinchum for his years of service to Virginia Tech.

### DELEGATION

#### MOUNTAIN VIEW HUMANE/WALDRON-RICCI SPAY/NEUTER CLINIC

Kelly Cass, Executive Director, provided an update on Mountain View Humane Spay/Neuter Clinic in Montgomery County. To date, over 18,800 sterilization procedures have been performed. 48% of the owners of these pets reside in Montgomery County. MVH has spayed/neutered 2,454 cats with the two years of subsidies provided by Montgomery County which total \$60,000. This is an average of \$24.45 subsidy per cat from the county. The average cost of housing, feeding, and euthanizing one cat in America will pay for the cost of spaying/neutering or 10 cats. Through partnering the County's subsidy with funding from PetSmart Charities, the Humane Society of Montgomery County and private donors, MVH has spayed/neutered 3,755 cats, which include 1,477 free-roaming cats.

Ms. Cass thanked the Board for their past support and requested the Board to consider supporting Mountain View Humane in the next budget cycle to continue their ability to keep pricing for cats low, \$34 per female and \$21 per male. They will once again seek matching contributions from other rescues and charities.

## **PUBLIC ADDRESS**

Luther Woolwine spoke in opposition to the proposed closing of a portion of Elliott Creek Road.

Eddie Woolwine spoke in opposition to the proposed closing of a portion of Elliott Creek Road. Mr. Woolwine stated the road plays a significant part in the long history of the area. He stated he drove on this road today and believes the road is safe to travel.

Mary Ann Capp spoke in opposition to the proposed closing of a portion of Elliott Creek Road. Ms. Capp believes this road should remain a public right-of-way and should not be abandoned because of one property owner. Ms. Capp stated that the property owner has not shown adequate cause to close this section of road and has given a false impression that the road is unsafe. She urged the Board to consider the well-being of the County as a whole when making their decision.

Karen Whitt , applicant, summarized her request to abandon a portion of Elliott Creek Road. Ms. Whitt expressed her concerns with the safety of the road as there are numerous blind curves with areas only wide enough for one vehicle. She reported that since her request to abandon a section of road, the vehicles per day have increased. She stated that one vehicle traveled down the road recently and came back out 2 ½ hours later. She didn't know if she should go check on the motorist or not. This is what she goes through every time a vehicle goes down the road. She urged the Board to consider her request and approve the abandonment of a portion of Elliott Creek Road.

Glen Accord expressed his concerns with lack of maintenance on the entire Elliott Creek Road. He stated there have been no improvements to the road and there is less maintenance each year.

Bill Minute spoke in opposition to the proposed closing of a portion of Elliott Creek Road. Mr. Minute stated that there needs to be a connector road from Elliott Creek to Alleghany Springs.

Michelle Alley spoke in opposition to the proposed closing of a portion of Elliott Creek Road. Ms. Alley stated she walks on this road and feels safe while traveling on this corridor. She explained that she is a certified ambulance driver with years of experience running rescue calls, she has driven on roads worse than Elliott Creek Road. Ms. Alley stated they needed this road as a direct access in case of emergencies.

There being no further speakers, the public address session was closed.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

On a motion by Matthew R. Gabriele, seconded by Mary W. Biggs and carried unanimously, the Consent Agenda dated March 24, 2014 was approved. The vote was as follows:

AYE

Annette S. Perkins  
Christopher A. Tuck  
Matthew R. Gabriele  
Gary D. Creed  
M. Todd King  
Mary W. Biggs  
William H. Brown

NAY

None

Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Matthew R. Gabriele, seconded by Mary W. Biggs and carried unanimously, the minutes dated September 23, 2013 were approved.

Appropriations and Transfers

**A-FY-14-83  
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGY RESERVE FUNDS  
FOR SERVER AND DATA STORAGE INFRASTRUCTURE  
AND DISASTER RECOVERY**

On a motion by Matthew R. Gabriele, seconded by Mary W. Biggs and carried unanimously,

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County, Virginia that the General Fund was granted an appropriation in addition to the annual appropriation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, for the function and in the amount as follows:

140 Information Technology	\$400,000
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The source of funds for the foregoing appropriation is as follows:

451205 Designated Fund Balance- Technology Reserve	\$400,000
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Said resolution appropriates Technology Reserve funds for a major upgrade of the County's Server and Data Storage Infrastructure, and Disaster Recovery capabilities.

**A-FY-14-84**  
**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**  
**REIMBURSEMENT**

On a motion by Matthew R. Gabriele, seconded by Mary W. Biggs and carried unanimously,

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County, Virginia that the General Fund was granted an appropriation in addition to the annual appropriation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, for the function and in the amount as follows:

451209	Transfer to County Capital Projects	\$4,000
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The source of funds for the foregoing appropriation is as follows:

415208	Sale of Real Estate	\$4,000
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The County Capital Projects fund was granted an appropriation in addition to the annual appropriation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014 for the function and in the amount as follows:

810	Economic Development Capital Projects	\$4,000
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The source of funds for the foregoing appropriation is as follows:

451100	Transfer from General Fund	\$4,000
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Said resolution appropriates funds from the Capital Reserve and from the sale of the Elliston Lafayette Elementary School to County Capital projects to cover the costs of reimbursing the Economic Development Authority (EDA) for expenses associated with the surplus school properties.

**A-FY-14-85**  
**FIRE AND RESCUE**  
**TRANSFER TO COUNTY CAPITAL PROJECTS**  
**RINER FIRE DEPARTMENT**

On a motion by Matthew R. Gabriele, seconded by Mary W. Biggs and carried unanimously,

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County, Virginia that a General Fund transfer of appropriation is hereby authorized, as follows:

FROM:

330	Fire and Rescue-Fuel Contingency	(\$15,000)
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TO:

451209	Transfer to County Capital Projects	\$15,000
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The County Capital Projects fund was granted an appropriation in addition to the annual appropriation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014 for the function and in the amount as follows:

330	Riner Fire Department Vehicle	\$26,000
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The sources of funds for the foregoing appropriation are as follows:

451100	Transfer from General Fund	\$15,000
419108	Recovered Cost	<u>\$11,000</u>
	Total	\$26,000

Said resolution transfers funds from the Fire and Rescue Fuel Contingency and appropriates recovered costs to cover the cost of a vehicle for the Riner Fire Department.

**R-FY-14-112**  
**AMENDMENT TO THE**  
**COUNTY'S COMPENSATION AND**  
**CLASSIFICATION PLAN**

On a motion by Matthew R. Gabriele, seconded by Mary W. Biggs and carried unanimously,

WHEREAS, Changes to the County's Compensation and Classification Plan require approval by the Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, A current deputy position is assigned responsibilities beyond the scope of the job class of deputy; and

WHEREAS, These responsibilities reflect the duties assigned to the job class of a Sergeant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County, Virginia does hereby approve the following changes to the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Compensation and Classification Plan:

1. Abolish one Deputy, full-time equivalent (FTE), pay grade 116.
2. Establish one Sergeant, full-time equivalent (FTE), pay grade 121.

Said resolution approves changes to the current Compensation and Classification Plan.



**R-FY-14-113  
APPOINTMENT  
PLANNING COMMISSION**

On a motion by Matthew R. Gabriele, seconded by Mary W. Biggs and carried unanimously,

BE IT RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County, Virginia hereby appoints **Arthur L. Wolz, III** to the **Montgomery County Planning Commission** effective March 25, 2014 and expiring March 24, 2018.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Petition for Abandonment of a Portion of Elliott Creek Road**

The Board had a lengthy discussion on the petition to abandon a portion of Elliott Creek Road. The majority of the Board believed the road to still be an asset as a public right-of-way to the County and is not in the best interest of the County to abandon this section of Elliott Creek Road at this time. The Board did agree that the road did have some safety issues at some points along the road and does understand Ms. Whitt's concerns. Several Board members addressed the comments from residents who stated that this section of Elliott Creek Road is being used as a straight route to Alleghany Spring from Split Rail Road. The discontinued section of Elliott Creek Road is overgrown and has downed trees making it impassable by vehicles and anyone who has driven along this section of road knows it is impassable.

Supervisor Biggs voiced her concern with the safety issues along this road and where motorists have to turn around at the dead end due to the remainder of the road being impassable. She reported that she did drive along the section being requested to be abandoned and did not feel safe in the vehicle. She stated she can support the request for abandonment.

Chair Brown thanked all the Board members for taking time to go travel the road before they had to make a decision on the request.

**R-FY-14-114  
RESOLUTION DENYING PETITION FOR  
ABANDONMENT OF PORTION OF ELLIOTT CREEK ROAD**

On a motion by Matthew R. Gabriele, seconded by M. Todd King and carried,

WHEREAS, The County has received a petition from Karen Dodson Whitt seeking to abandon 1.54 miles of Elliott Creek Road (SR 675) from the intersection of Craigs Mountain Road (SR 674) heading east along Elliott Creek Road for 1.54 miles; and

WHEREAS, A public hearing was held on December 16, 2013 pursuant to §33.1-151, Code of Virginia to receive comments concerning the request to abandon the section of road described above from the Secondary System of State Highways; and

WHEREAS, After considering all evidence available, the Board of Supervisors determines that a public necessity still exists to keep the above referenced section of Elliot Creek Road in the Secondary System of State Highways.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Supervisors of the County of Montgomery, Virginia that the Board of Supervisors hereby finds that a public necessity still exists to keep the above referenced portion of Elliott Creek Road in the Secondary System of State Highways and therefore denies the petition filed by Karen Dodson Whitt seeking to abandon 1.54 miles of Elliott Creek Road (SR 675) from the intersection of Craigs Mountain Road (SR 674) heading east along Elliott Creek Road for 1.54 miles.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Resident Engineer of the Virginia Department of Transportation.

The vote on the forgoing resolution was as follows:

AYE

Christopher A. Tuck  
Matthew R. Gabriele  
M. Todd King  
Annette S. Perkins  
Gary D. Creed  
William H. Brown

NAY

Mary W. Biggs

**NEW BUSINESS**

**R-FY-14-115**

**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE CONVEYANCE FROM  
THE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY  
OF THE SHAWSVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PROPERTY**

On a motion by Matthew R. Gabriele, seconded by Mary W. Biggs and carried unanimously,

WHEREAS, The County School Board of Montgomery County (the "School Board") adopted a Resolution on February 19, 2013, declaring with certain conditions the Shawsville Elementary School Property ("the Property") surplus to its needs since those conditions no longer apply the School Board is ready to now convey the Property to the Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, The School Board has requested the Board of Supervisors to be able to use the proceeds if the Board of Supervisors sells the Property as a portion of the funding to reduce existing school debt, capital school improvement projects, or be used to fund debt service for other capital school construction projects; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors desires to accept the conveyance of the Shawsville Elementary School Property from the School Board and if the Property is sold to authorize the School Board to use the net proceeds from the sale after the County is reimbursed for its costs of selling the Property as a portion of the funding for the School Capital Projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Supervisors of the County of Montgomery, Virginia, that the Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes William H. Brown, Chair, to accept from the School Board on behalf of the Board of Supervisors, the conveyance of the Shawsville Elementary School Property; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, By the Board of Supervisors of the County of Montgomery, Virginia, that should the Board of Supervisors sell the Property, the Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the School Board, subject to future appropriation, to use the net proceeds from the sale after the County is reimbursed for its costs of selling the Property, as a portion of the funding for the School Capital Projects.

The vote on the forgoing resolution was as follows:

AYE

Matthew R. Gabriele  
M. Todd King  
Mary W. Biggs  
Annette S. Perkins  
Christopher A. Tuck  
Gary D. Creed  
William H. Brown

NAY

None

**R-FY-14-116  
PROCLAMATION  
NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK  
APRIL 13-19, 2014**

On a motion by Mary W. Biggs, seconded by Matthew R. Gabriele and carried unanimously,

WHEREAS, Libraries help lives change in their communities, campuses and schools; and

WHEREAS, Librarians work to meet the changing needs of their communities, including providing resources for everyone and bringing services outside of library walls; and

WHEREAS, Libraries and librarians bring together community members to enrich and shape the community and address local issues; and

WHEREAS, Librarians are trained, tech-savvy professionals, providing technology training and access to downloadable content like e-books; and

WHEREAS, Libraries offer programs to meet community needs, providing residents with resume writing classes, 24/7 homework help and financial planning services to teens applying for student loans to older adults planning their retirement; and

WHEREAS, Libraries continuously grow and evolve in how they provide for the needs of every member of their communities; and

WHEREAS, Libraries, librarians, library workers and supporters across America are celebrating National Library Week.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors of the County of Montgomery, Virginia hereby proclaims **April 13-19, 2014** as **National Library Week** and encourages all residents to visit their branch of the Montgomery-Floyd Regional Library this week to take advantage of the wonderful library resources available to them.

The vote on the forgoing resolution was as follows:

AYE

M. Todd King

Mary W. Biggs

Annette S. Perkins

Christopher A. Tuck

Gary D. Creed

Matthew R. Gabriele

William H. Brown

NAY

None

**R-FY-14-117  
PROCLAMATION  
CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH  
APRIL 2014**

On a motion by Matthew R. Gabriele, seconded by Mary W. Biggs and carried unanimously,

WHEREAS, Preventing child abuse and neglect is a community problem that depends on involvement among people throughout the community; and

WHEREAS, Child maltreatment occurs when people find themselves in stressful situations, without community resources, and don't know how to cope; and

WHEREAS, The majority of child abuse cases stem from situations and conditions that are preventable in an engaged and supportive community; and

WHEREAS, All citizens should become involved in supporting families in raising their children in a safe, nurturing environment; and

WHEREAS, Effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships created among families, social service agencies, schools, faith communities, civic organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors of the County of Montgomery, Virginia does hereby proclaim April as Child Abuse Prevention Month and calls upon all citizens, community agencies, faith groups, medical facilities, and businesses to increase their participation in efforts to support families, thereby preventing child abuse and neglect and strengthening the communities in which we live.

The vote on the forgoing resolution was as follows:

AYE

Mary W. Biggs  
Annette S. Perkins  
Christopher A. Tuck  
Gary D. Creed  
Matthew R. Gabriele  
M. Todd King  
William H. Brown

NAY

None

**R-FY-14-118  
PROCLAMATION  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT EDUCATION WEEK-  
APRIL 1 – 7, 2014**

On a motion by M. Todd King, seconded by Mary W. Biggs and carried unanimously,

WHEREAS, Local governments throughout the Commonwealth provide valuable services to the residents of the communities they serve; and

WHEREAS, Local governments and their employees play a vital role in the health and vitality of communities through the enforcement of state and local laws, promotion of public health and safety, provision of recreational opportunities, and education of local children; and

WHEREAS, Local government officials across the Commonwealth promote civic education and engagement to help citizens better understand their local government, foster a positive sense of community, and prepare the next generation of local government managers; and

WHEREAS, The designation of a statewide week devoted to educating individuals as to the role that local government plays in their life would more effectively recognize and promote civic education within school systems and in the larger community; and

WHEREAS, The **first week of April** is an appropriate week for this designation, as it was on April 2, 1908 that the Council-Manager form of government was created in the City of Staunton, Virginia.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County, Virginia that the Board of Supervisors designates **April 1<sup>st</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> in 2014** as **Local Government Education Week in Montgomery County**.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the County Administrator is authorized to post the designation of **April 1<sup>st</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> 2014** as **Local Government Education Week in Montgomery County** on the County's website.

The vote on the forgoing resolution was as follows:

AYE

Annette S. Perkins  
Christopher A. Tuck  
Gary D. Creed  
Matthew R. Gabriele  
M. Todd King  
Mary W. Biggs  
William H. Brown

NAY

None

**R-FY-14-119  
PROCLAMATION  
NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK  
APRIL 6-12, 2014**

On a motion by Matthew R. Gabriele, seconded by Annette S. Perkins and carried unanimously,

**WHEREAS**, Established in 1974, National Volunteer Week has grown exponentially in scope each year since, drawing the support and endorsement of all subsequent U.S. presidents, governors, mayors and other respected elected officials; and

**WHEREAS**, National Volunteer Week is about inspiring, recognizing and encouraging people to seek out imaginative ways to engage in their communities; and

**WHEREAS**, The entire community can inspire, equip and mobilize people to take action that changes the world; and

**WHEREAS**, Volunteers can connect with local community service opportunities through hundreds of community service organizations like, RSVP, HandsOn Network affiliates and volunteer centers; and

**WHEREAS**, Individuals and communities are at the center of social change, discovering their power to make a difference; and

**WHEREAS,** During this week all over the nation, service projects will be performed and volunteers recognized for their commitment to service; and

**WHEREAS,** The giving of oneself in service to another empowers the giver and the recipient; and

**WHEREAS,** Experience teaches us that government by itself cannot solve all of our nation's social problems; and

**WHEREAS,** Our country's volunteer force of over 63 million is a great treasure; and

**WHEREAS,** Volunteers are vital to our future as a caring and productive nation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** The Board of Supervisors of the County of Montgomery, Virginia here proclaims **National Volunteer Week, April 6-12, 2014** in Montgomery County, and urges their fellow citizens to volunteer in their communities, by volunteering and recognizing those who serve, we can come together to make a difference.

The vote on the forgoing resolution was as follows:

**AYE**

Christopher A. Tuck  
Gary D. Creed  
Matthew R. Gabriele  
M. Todd King  
Mary W. Biggs  
Annette S. Perkins  
William H. Brown

**NAY**

None

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

The County Attorney reported on the following items:

Crooked Road Festival was held March 19-23, 2014 at different venues through-out the County. Numerous events were held to showcase the arts and music in Montgomery County. The event was a huge success and very well attended.

Upcoming Meetings:

March 25, 2014	Community Conversations Meeting at Christiansburg High School
April 3, 2014	Budget Public Hearing
April 8, 2014	Community Conversations Meeting at Margret Beeks Elementary

## **BOARD MEMBERS REPORTS**

**Supervisor King** expressed his appreciation for the citizens who took their time to come out and speak tonight.

**Supervisor Creed** understands that the School Board has agreed not to demolish the bleachers, concession stand and other structures at the football field near the Shawville Middle School Annex. He also stated that discussions about selling the former Shawsville Elementary School need to include the possibility of retaining the ball fields.

Supervisor Creed also expressed his appreciation to all the volunteers in the County. He stated time is a precious commodity.

**Supervisor Tuck** urged citizens to come out to the community meetings. This is an opportune time for a question and answer session with the Board of Supervisors.

Supervisor Tuck asked if Virginia Tech would be interested in doing a needs assessment of the County's parks and recreation services. He stated it is estimated to cost \$30,000 to contract this out and it would save the County money.

Supervisor Tuck also commented on the Affordable Care Act. He reported that members of the Virginia State Bar could enroll in a group health insurance policy instead of an individual policy. However, due to the Affordable Care Act, Anthem will no longer be able to offer group plans for individuals and the Virginia State Bar Sole Proprietor or groups will not be renewed. All group plans will be transitioned to individual plans. Anthem has stated that they anticipate rates for individual coverage to be comparable to the group rates but many will see premiums fluctuate dramatically in 2014. Supervisor Tuck stated this is just another example of what the Affordable Care Act is creating.

**Supervisor Gabriele** reported he was informed by a citizen about the Solarize Blacksburg initiative. He would like to invite representatives from Solarize Blacksburg to a future board meeting to make a presentation on Solarize Blacksburg and their efforts to bring solar energy to the community.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned to Thursday, April 3, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

APPROVED _____	ATTEST: _____
William H. Brown	F. Craig Meadows
Chair	County Administrator